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UNSUB, THREAT TO BOMB MS MAGAZINE, 370 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AUGUST 17, 1977, BOMB THREAT.

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bomb threats against Ms. Magazine, 370 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, from an unknown subject (unsub) male caller. The caller identified himself as "RAINBOW". No tape recording was made of the threats. Investigation at Ms. Magazine disclosed one LANCE JOHN COMINGS, who, during the past year, has generally harassed Ms. employees through letters and telephone calls. COMINGS identified himself as "RAINBOW" in contacts with Ms. Magazine. COMINGS was interviewed at San Diego, California, by FBI Agents and admitted knowledge of the bomb threats but refused to discuss these threats. COMINGS admitted his identity as "RAINBOW". COMINGS stated he was receiving psychic attacks from Ms. Magazine and other publications and communicates psychically with various individuals in the United States. COMINGS stated he was "detained" in a "mental ward" of a San Diego hospital by the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) for seven days. SDPD records negative regarding COMINGS.

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On December 6, 1977, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Southern District of New YOrk, declined prosecution inasmuch as this case lacked prosecutive merit.

AS INTERVIEW OF COMINGS MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE EVENT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZES INVESTIGATION.

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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE

Date AUGUST 19, 1977

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☐ Deputy Attorney General
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☒ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Div.
☐ Attn: Internal Security Section
☒ Attn: General Crimes Section
ATTN: [redacted]
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(SUBJECT (TEXT BEGINS NEXT PAGE):

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT MS MAGAZINE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS LETTERS AND MANUSCRIPTS IN THE PAST FROM ONE LANCE COMINGS, 8761 LAKE MURRAY BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER 714-460-9068, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS RAINBOW. [redacted] MOST OF THE LETTERS HAVE BEEN IRRATIONAL AND SOME HAVE CONTAINED VAGUE THREATS. [redacted] THE LETTERS CONTAINING THE VAGUE THREATS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. SHE DESCRIBED LETTERS AND TELEPHONE CALLS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FROM COMINGS AS GENERALLY HARASSING BUT NOT OF A CRIMINAL NATURE.

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THE FOLLOWING NOTIFICATIONS WERE MADE: SA [redacted] UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE; SA [redacted] BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS, NEW YORK CITY; ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY [redacted] SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK [redacted] FBI INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED.

[redacted] COMINGS.

[redacted]

[redacted]

NOTE TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, GENERAL CRIMES SECTION ONLY.

THIS WILL CONFIRM A TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION ON AUGUST 19, 1977 BETWEEN DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY [redacted] AND SA [redacted] WHEREIN ABOVE FACTS WERE DISCUSSED AND [redacted] AUTHORIZED ACTIVE FBI INVESTIGATION AND PRESENTATION OF FACTS DEVELOPED TO THE [redacted] U.S. ATTORNEY FOR A PROSECUTIVE DECISION.

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NOTE TO ADIC, NEW YORK AND SAC, SAN DIEGO ONLY.

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RE NEW YORK TEL AUGUST 18, 1977 REPORTING ABOVE INFORMATION.

PERTINENT FACTS DISCUSSED ON AUGUST 19, 1977 WITH DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY [redacted] CRIMINAL DIVISION, b6 b7C GENERAL CRIMES SECTION WHO AUTHORIZED ACTIVE FBI INVESTIGATION AND SUBSEQUENT PRESENTATION OF FACTS DEVELOPED TO THE [redacted] U.S. ATTORNEY FOR A PROSECUTIVE DECISION.

NEW YORK DESIGNATED OFFICE OF ORIGIN. NEW YORK ADVISE MS MAGAZINE THAT FBI INVESTIGATION BEING INSTUTUTED. SUBMIT INITIAL REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS. [redacted] CITE DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORIZATION IN DETAILS OF INITIAL REPORT.

[redacted]

SAN DIEGO PROMPTLY INTERVIEW SUSPECT LANCE COMINGS. FURNISH RESULTS TO NEW YORK IN TIME FOR INCLUSION IN INITAL REPORT.

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CHANGED. LANCE JOHN COMINGS, AKA RAINBOW; THREAT TO BOMB MS MAGAZINE, 370 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AUGUST 17, 1977; BOMB THREAT.

TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO SHOW TRUE IDENTITY OF SUBJECT. TITLE PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS "UNSUB, AKA RAINBOW."

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST 18, 1977, AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK AUGUST 19, 1977.

SUBJECT INTERVIEWED AUGUST 25, 1977, AND ADMITS KNOWING ABOUT THE BOMB THREATS TO MS MAGAZINE; HOWEVER, DECLINED TO BE INTERVIEWED REGARDING THREATS. SUBJECT DID NOT ADMIT TO MAKING TELEPHONE CALLS.

SUBJECT WRITES UNDER THE PEN NAME OF "RAINBOW" AND IS HAVING LITTLE OR NO SUCCESS IN MARKETING HIS WRITINGS. HE HAS

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WRITTEN A 360 PAGE MANUSCRIPT ENTITLED "AURAS" WHICH HE HAS FURNISHED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES IN THE NEW YORK AREA:

NBC, CBS, MS MAGAZINE, LIVERIGHT PUBLISHERS, NEW DIRECTION PUBLISHERS, DOUBLEDAY PUBLISHERS, THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, NEW INFINITY REVIEW, ESQUIRE MAGAZINE, FERRAR, STRAUS AND GIRAUX PUBLISHERS, GROVE PRESS, VANGUARD PRESS AND HARCOURT, BRACE AND JAVONAVICH PUBLISHERS. ALL RESPONSES HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE TO HIS WRITINGS AND SUBJECT BELIEVES HE IS BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF THE MATERIAL IN THE MANUSCRIPT. SUBJECT HAS COMMUNICATED WITH SEVERAL OF THE ABOVE AGENCIES ON MANY OCCASIONS. SUBJECT ADMITS HAVING SENT TELEGRAMS TO CBS, NBC AND MS MAGAZINE IN THE LAST WEEK WITH AN OFFER TO SELL MANUSCRIPT FOR $50,000 CASH VALUE.

SUBJECT STATES HE IS A PSYCHIC, HOWEVER, CAN ONLY RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS. MOST OF COMMUNICATIONS COME FROM DIFFERENT PUBLISHERS IN NEW YORK AREA AND ARE PRIMARILY INTENDED TO DO MENTAL DAMAGE TO HIM.

SUBJECT ADMITS HAVING COMMUNICATIONS PSYCHICALLY WITH A PERSON ON WEST COAST WHO WAS INTERESTED IN HIS MANUSCRIPT.

AFTER WAITING OUTSIDE A RESTAURANT FOR APPROXIMATELY 17 HOURS FOR THIS PERSON, HE WAS PICKED UP BY THE SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE WAS TAKEN TO A MENTAL HOSPITAL CA IN SAN DIEGO AND "ILLEGALLY HELD FOR SEVEN DAYS."

ON AUGUST 26, 1977, DETECTIVE [redacted] SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED HIS AGENCY RECEIVED A TELETYPE FROM THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, DETECTIVE [redacted] MID TOWN NORTH PRECINCT, TELEPHONE [redacted] WHO ADVISED THAT MIKE WALLACE, CBS, HAD RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM SUBJECT WHO EXPRESSED HIS FRUSTRATIONS REGARDING MANUSCRIPT, STATING HE HAD .45 CALIBER PISTOL AND MIGHT GO MILITANT.

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ON AUGUST 26, 1977, [redacted] SAN DIEGO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, WARD 200, ADVISED SUBJECT WAS PICKED UP BY THE SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ON MAY 2, 1977, AND TAKEN TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS HELD UNTIL MAY 5, 1977. [redacted] DESCRIBED SUBJECT AS SUFFERING FROM SCHIZO PARANOIA.

ON AUGUST 26, 1977, [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] USES THE PEN NAME OF "RAINBOW" AND HAS WRITTEN FULL TIME FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. SHE ADVISED SHE WAS

UNAWARE OF ANY BOMB THREATS MADE BY [redacted] HOWEVER, DID STATE THAT HE MAKES MANY TELEPHONE CALLS AFTER SHE HAS GONE TO BED IN THE EVENING. SUBJECT HAS BEEN SENDING TELEGRAMS RECENTLY IN LIEU OF TELEPHONE CALLS. SHE ADVISED SHE DOES ALL THE TYPING FOR [redacted] AND RECALLS NO COMMUNICATIONS SENT OUT WITH ANY THREATENING STATEMENTS.

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[redacted] ADVISED SUBJECT POSSESSES NO WEAPONS TO HER KNOWLEDGE AND STATES HE HAS NEVER SHOWN A TENDENCY TOWARD VIOLENCE.

SAN DIEGO. WILL FORWARD RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT.

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Date: 8/26/77

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (174-1055) (RUC)

LANCE JOHN COMINGS, aka
Rainbow;
Threat to Bomb Ms. Magazine,
370 Lexington Avenue,
New York, New York
8/17/77
BOMB THREAT
OO: New York

Re San Diego teletype to Bureau, 8/26/77.

Enclosed for New York are two copies of an FD-302 reflecting the interview of LANCE JOHN COMINGS.

Records of the following agencies were contacted on 8/19/77, and no record could be located identifiable with subject:

San Diego Police Department, San Diego, Calif.
San Diego County Sheriff's Office, San Diego, Calif.
El Cajon Police Department, El Cajon, Calif.
La Mesa Police Department, La Mesa, Calif.

No further investigation is being conducted on this case at this time by the San Diego Office.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
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TITLE OF CASE

LANCE JOHN COMINGS aka Rainbow;
THREAT TO BOMB MS. MAGAZINE,
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
8/17/77

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

TYPED BY geg

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE

NYtel to Bureau, 8/18/77.
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SDtel to Bureau, 8/27/77.
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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will maintain contact with AUSA [redacted] SDNY, re prosecutive opinion.

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APPROVED 2/1/91 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, SDNY (ATTN: AUSA [redacted] b6 b7C

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York

Date: OCT 13 1977

Field Office File #: 174-2677 Bureau File #:

Title: LANCE JOHN COMINGS;
THREAT TO BOMB MS. MAGAZINE,
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
AUGUST 17, 1977

Character:

BOMB THREAT

Synopsis: On 8/17/77, 17th Precinct, NYCPD, received two telephone bomb threats against Ms. Magazine, NY, NY, from unsub male caller. Caller identified self as "RAINBOW". No tape recording was made of the threats. Investigation at Ms. Magazine disclosed one LANCE JOHN COMINGS who, during past year, has generally harassed Ms. employees through letters and telephone calls. COMINGS identified himself as "RAINBOW" in contacts with Ms. COMINGS interviewed at San Diego, California, by FBI Agents and admitted knowledge of bomb threats but refused to discuss threats. COMINGS admitted identity as "RAINBOW". COMINGS stated he was receiving psychic attacks from Ms. Magazine and other publications and communicates psychically with various individuals in the USA. COMINGS stated he was "detained" in a "mental ward" of a San Diego hospital by the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) for seven days. SDPD records negative re COMINGS. On 9/14/77, AUSA [redacted] SDNY, stated he would render a prosecutive opinion after reviewing reports in this matter.

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At New York, New York.

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of information on August 18, 1977 from [redacted] Ms. Magazine, New York, New York, that the New York City Police Department had received telephone bomb threats against Ms. Magazine. b6 b7C

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Date of transcription 8/25/77

[redacted] Staff Member, Ms. Magazine, 370 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, telephone number [redacted] stated she was advised by Detective [redacted] Midtown South Unit, New York City Police Department (NYCPD), telephone number [redacted] that a bomb threat against Ms. Magazine had been received by the NYCPD. The threat was received at 1:30AM, August 17, 1977, by NYCPD Communications Section [redacted] The caller was an unknown male who identified himself as "RAINBOW" and said he was a "member of the Weathermen" and "a bomb will go off at Ms. Magazine in five hours". A search of Ms. Magazine Offices was conducted, and no explosive device located.

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[redacted] advised that Ms. Magazine has received numerous letters and manuscripts in the past from one LANCE COMINGS, 8761 Lake Murray Boulevard, San Diego, California, telephone number 714-460-9068, who identified himself as "RAINBOW". Most of the letters have been irrational and some have contained vague threats. The letters containing the vague threats have been destroyed. She described letters and telephone calls previously received from COMINGS as generally harassing but not of a criminal nature.

Interviewed on 8/18/77 at New York, New York File # NY 174-2677

by SA [redacted] geg Date dictated 8/21/77

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Pertinent facts were discussed on August 19, 1977 with Departmental Attorney [redacted] Criminal Division, General Crimes Seciton, who authorized active Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigation and subsequent presentation of facts developed to the United States Attorney (USA) for a prosecutive decision. b6 b7C

On August 18, 1977, the following notifications were made: Special Agent (SA) [redacted] US Secret Service; SA [redacted] Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, NYC; Assistant USA [redacted] Southern District of New York.

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Date of transcription 9/16/77

On this date, the writer reviewed a transcription of two bomb threats received by Police Officer Aide, [redacted] 17th Precinct, New York City Police Department (NYCPD), on August 17, 1977. No tape recording was made of the actual threatening telephone calls received at telephone number 826-3211. This transcription is set forth as follows: b6 b7C

The following is a reproduction of Master Tape Number 1-53 over Channel 25 A.C.D. Position 14 Turret 4 originally transcribed August 17, 1977 at 01 hours 05 minutes 54 second and concluding August 17, 1977 at 01 hours, 06 minutes, 52 seconds. This tape is being reproduced by P.A.A. [redacted] on August 24, 1977 at 1310 hours:

Police Officer [redacted]
Police Operator [redacted] Where is your emergency?

Police Officer Aide [redacted]
Hi. This is the 17th Precinct.

[redacted] Yes

[redacted] I have a report of a bomb to go off

[redacted] Yes

[redacted] At 3770 Lexington

[redacted] 3770?

[redacted] 370 Lexington. That's Ms., Ms. Magazine

[redacted] What floor is it on?

[redacted] The caller didn't say

[redacted] Pardon me

[redacted] The caller didn't state

Interviewed on 9/13/77 at New York, New York File # NY 174-2677

by SA [redacted] :geg Date dictated 9/15/77

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[redacted] I see. What did the caller state when he called? b6 b7C

[redacted] Only said the location. He said it would go off in five hours.

[redacted] In five hours?

[redacted] He was a member of the Weathermen.

[redacted] The Weathermen. O.K. That's all he stated. Right?

[redacted] What's all he said

[redacted] O.K. 17th. This is [redacted] who am I speaking to please?

[redacted] P.O.A. [redacted]

[redacted] O.K. [redacted] This is [redacted]

[redacted] This reproduction is now complete P.A.A. [redacted]

The following is a reproduction of Master Tape Number 1-53 over Channel 3 A.C.D. Position 12 Turret 2, originally transcribed August 17, 1977 at 01 hours, 11 minutes, 30 seconds and concluding on August 17, 1977, 01 hours, 12 minutes, 58 seconds. This tape is being reproduced by P.A.A. [redacted] Communications Division Tape Room on August 24, 1977 at 1320 hours.

Operator [redacted] Where is your emergency?

P.O.A. [redacted] Yes, this is the 17th Precinct. I just called in a bomb threat.

[redacted] Where was it?

[redacted] It was at 370 Lexington

[redacted] 370 Lexington. Yeh? Ms. Magazine

[redacted] You have it right?

[redacted] Yah.

[redacted] O.K. Now the caller just called me back. All right? And he further stated that we have a new leader by the name of RAINBOW.. "R.A.I.N.O." "R.A.I.N.B.O.W." RAINBOW right?

[redacted] RAINBOW?

[redacted] Uh-huh. And he said that [redacted] ...

[redacted] [redacted] who?

[redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] Uh-huh.

[redacted] Knows him and that MIKE WALLACE of CBS News knows him.

[redacted] O.K. That's all?

[redacted] That's all.

[redacted] OK

[redacted] You're [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] here.

[redacted] O.K.

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[redacted] OK.

This reproduction is now complete P.A.A. [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 10/5/77

[redacted] Forest Hills, New York, [redacted] advised that she is employed as a [redacted] at the 17th Precinct, New York City Police Department (NYCPD), 167 East 51st Street, NY, NY. She advised that on August 17, 1977, at approximately 1:00AM, she received two telephone bomb threats at telephone number 826-3211. These threats were made by an unidentified male caller against Ms. Magazine, 370 Lexington Avenue, NY, NY.

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[redacted] stated that the caller mentioned [redacted] and the Weathermen. She said that no tape recording was made of these calls, but she did report them to the NYCPD Communications Bureau immediately after receiving them. She stated that the NYCPD Communications Bureau would have a tape recording relating to her report of these threats. She advised that a review of the Communications Bureau tape would disclose all appropriate information in this matter.

Investigation on 9/30/77 at New York, New York File # NY 174-2677

by SA [redacted] :geg Date dictated 10/3/77

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Date of transcription August 26, 1977

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LANCE JOHN COMINGS, 8761 Lake Murray Boulevard, San Diego, California, was contacted and the identities of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] were made known to him. He was advised that Agents were at his residence to discuss matters relating to bomb threats made against Ms. Magazine in New York City. COMINGS acknowledged he knew what the Agents were talking about. Before any questions were asked, COMINGS was furnished a copy of the Interrogation: Advice of Rights Form (FD-395) which he read to Agents [redacted] and [redacted] COMINGS advised he understood the rights as explained to him and stated he desired to answer no questions without the presence of an appointed attorney for him.

COMINGS was advised that he would not be questioned regarding the bomb threats; however, Agents would be willing to listen to any statements he wanted to make. COMINGS voluntarily related the following information:

COMINGS is a writer by trade and presently makes his source of living from his writings. His success as a writer has been rather unsuccessful because he is getting no positive response from publishers on his writings. COMINGS has written a 360-page manuscript by the name of Auras which he has sent to the National Broadcasting Company, Columbia Broadcasting System, Liveright Publishers, Ms. Magazine, New Direction Publishers, Doubleday Publishers, The Atlantic Monthly, New Infinity Review, Esquire Magazine, Ferrar, Straus and Giraux Publishers, Grove Press, Vanguard Press and Harcourt, Brace and Javanovich Publishers. COMINGS advised he has sent copies to the above publishers and in most cases, has not heard from them at all. He advised that his proposition to NBC, CBS and Ms. Magazine was that he would give them the rights to his manuscript for the sponsorship of a magazine he was wanting to publish entitled, Hugs and Kisses. Subject matter of this magazine would focus on problems in the Harlem area of New York City and matters of social progress.

COMINGS advised that he had just sent telegrams to most of the above agencies offering to sell his manuscript ~~for a cash price of $50,000. He has not had any response to his~~ telegrams as of this date.

Interviewed on 8/25/77 at San Diego, California File # SD 174-1055

by SA [redacted] and SA CSD:jaa Date dictated 8/26/77

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COMINGS stated he is a psychic, however, can only receive communications. Most of the communications he receives come from New York. He said he cannot send communications, but has received communications from [redacted] and [redacted] of Grove Press and [redacted] and the entire staff of Ms. Magazine. He stated he has received three major attacks by way of his psychic power which were sent specifically to do damage to his mental stability. One attack was from the Grove Press and two were from Ms. Magazine. COMINGS advised this psychic power started about six months ago.

COMINGS stated he believes he is being discriminated against because of the subject matter of his manuscript and because the publishers mentioned above are afraid that he will expose certain "cover-ups" by their agencies.

COMINGS stated that he has communicated psychically with a person on the West Coast who has expressed an interest in his manuscript. The instructions COMINGS received from this person were for him to go to a certain restaurant where he was to wait outside his car to make contact. COMINGS did so and, after waiting all day and into the evening, officers of the San Diego Police Department approached him regarding his actions. COMINGS refused to talk with the officers and only identified himself as "Rainbow." COMINGS stated he was taken to a mental ward in a hospital in San Diego where he was unlawfully kept for seven days. COMINGS did not remember the name of the hospital.

COMINGS stated he would be willing to submit to a lie detector test, hypnosis, or sodium pentothal test to prove the statements he has made.

COMINGS is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Nationality:	American
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	170 pounds
Hair:	Blond
Eyes:	Green

Date of Birth: March 2, 1946
Marital Status: Married
Wife: [redacted]
Wife's Employment: [redacted]

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Address: 8761 Lake Murray Boulevard, #1
San Diego, California 92119

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Driver's License
Number: N2395037.

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On August 19, 1977, records of the following agencies were checked, and no information identifiable with LANCE JOHN COMINGS was located:

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San Diego Police Department, San Diego, California

San Diego County Sheriff's Office, San Diego, California

El Cajon Police Department, El Cajon, California

La Mesa Police Department, La Mesa, California.

At New York, New York.

On September 14, 1977, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Southern District of New York, stated he would render a prosecutive opinion after reviewing a report of the investigation in this matter.

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TITLE OF CASE
LANCE JOHN COMINGS aka
Rainbow;
THREAT TO BOMB MS. MAGAZINE,
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE,
NEW YORK, NY
8/17/77

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Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date: January 3, 1978

Field Office File #: 174-2677 Bureau File #:

Title: LANCE JOHN COMINGS;
THREAT TO BOMB MS. MAGAZINE,
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
AUGUST 17, 1977

Character:
BOMB THREAT

Synopsis: On 8/17/77, 17th Precinct, NYCPD, received two telephone bomb threats against Ms. Magazine, NY, NY, from unsub male caller. Caller identified self as "RAINBOW". No tape recording was made of the threats. Investigation at Ms. Magazine disclosed one LANCE JOHN COMINGS, who, during past year, has generally harassed Ms. employees through letter and telephone calls. COMINGS identified himself as "RAINBOW" in contacts with Ms. COMINGS interviewed at San Diego, California, by FBI Agents and admitted knowledge of bomb threats but refused to discuss threats. COMINGS admitted identity as "RAINBOW". COMINGS stated he was receiving psychic attacks from Ms. Magazine and other publications and communicates psychically with various individuals in the USA. COMINGS stated he was "detained" in a "mental ward" of a San Diego hospital by the San Diego P.D. for seven days. SDPD records negative re COMINGS. On 12/6/77, AUSA [redacted] SDNY, declined prosecution inasmuch as this case lacked prosecutive merit.

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DETAILS:

On August 17, 1977, the 17th Precinct, New York Police Department (NYCPD), received two telephone bomb

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT MS MAGAZINE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS LETTERS AND MANUSCRIPTS IN THE PAST FROM ONE LANCE COMINGS, 8761 LAKE MURRAY BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER 714-460-9068, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS RAINBOW. SHE SAID THAT MOST OF THE LETTERS HAVE BEEN IRRATIONAL AND SOME HAVE CONTAINED VAGUE THREATS. [redacted] SAID THAT THE LETTERS CONTAINING THE VAGUE THREATS HAD BEEN DESTROYED. SHE DESCRIBED LETTERS AND TELEPHONE CALLS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FROM COMINGS AS GENERALLY HARASSING BUT NOT OF A CRIMINAL NATURE.

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THE FOLLOWING NOTIFICATIONS WERE MADE: SA [redacted] UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE; SA [redacted] BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOMBACCO AND FIREARMS, NEW YORK CITY; ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (AUSA) [redacted] SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK (SDNY).

NEW YORK OFFICE INDICES NEGATIVE ON LANCE COMINGS, LANCE CUMMINGS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

SAN DIEGO IS BEING ADVISED REGARDING THIS CASE INASMUCH